

What is the Parochial Church Council (PCC)?

The PCC is the executive committee / governing body of a Church of England parish and consists of clergy and churchwardens of the parish, together with representatives of the laity. It is also a charity, of which PCC members are legal trustees.

The PCC has both the privilege and responsibility of prayerful oversight of the direction of the Church, including our prayer, worship, mission & pastoral care within the life of the church; and has responsibility for the practicalities of fabric, finance and safeguarding. Most of the day-to-day responsibilities are delegated to the staff team or various committees.

When does the PCC meet?

There are usually 10 PCC meetings a year, held on a Monday evening, of around 1.5-2 hours, and an annual morning/day away together to focus on a particular area of church life/vision. In addition to this, there are 2 joint PCC meetings in March and May, together with the Emmanuel Church reps, either side of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Who can be a member of the PCC?

Anyone who is over 16, on the electoral roll of the Parish, and is a regular communicant can stand for election to the PCC. However, we would expect to see a level of spiritual maturity and ongoing commitment to the life of the church.

What makes a great PCC member?

A personal commitment to:

- Grow in your faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour
- Worship and serve regularly at Christ Church
- Pray regularly for the life and ministry of Christ Church (& prioritise one of the monthly prayer meetings)
- Support Christ Church financially through regular giving
- Prioritise preparing for & attending meetings
- Play a part in discussion & decision making, by active listening and sharing
- Uphold decisions made together (collective responsibility)
- Help us be diligent and good trustees of what God has given
- Keep ourselves well-informed, listening and talking with church members

What can you expect as a PCC member?

- To be prayed for by the staff team & congregation
- To be kept informed of what is going on in the life of the church
- To receive notice of meetings, and papers to be discussed in good time
- To be allowed to ask questions, and to have your views listened to
- To review your role on the PCC every 3 years (at time of APCM re-election)
- To have the open door of the vicar for pastoral concerns or to raise issues of concern.